

REMARKS

Claims 16-25 are now pending in the application. The above amendments and following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action and to render all claims pending in the application patentably distinct over the references cited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

OATH/DECLARATION

The oath/declaration stands objected to for certain informalities. In particular, the oath/declaration has been declared defective for failure to initial and date alterations that were made to the oath/declaration. Accordingly, Applicants have submitted a new oath/declaration to overcome this objection. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

DRAWINGS

The drawings stand objected to for certain informalities. Applicants have attached revised drawings for the Examiner's approval. In addition, the specification has been amended to include the added reference numerals. In the revised Figure 3, reference numerals 118, 120, 122, 124, and 126 have been added consistent with added paragraph [0024.1] of the specification. In the revised Figure 4, reference numerals 34, 36, 115, 124, and 126 have been added. In the revised Figure 5, reference numerals 18 and 32 have been added. In the revised Figure 7, reference numerals 74, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 114, 115, 116, 118, 120, 124, and 126 have been added. In revised Figure 8, reference

numerals 102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, and 126 have been added to be consistent with added paragraph [0024.1].

TITLE

The title stands objected to for failing to accurately describe the claimed invention. Applicants have amended the title according to the Examiner's suggestion. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

SPECIFICATION

The specification stands objected to for certain informalities. Applicants have amended the specification according to the Examiner's suggestions. In particular, "cam system 14" has been changed to "the rocker arm 18," "outer edge 76" has been changed to "rear mounting edge 122," and "aperture wall 84" has been changed to "flat rear edge 120 of aperture 118" throughout the specification. In addition, Applicants have amended the specification to reflect the reference numerals that have been added to the drawings. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 4, 9, and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor, at the time the

application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants note that claims 4, 9, and 14 have been cancelled. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Claims 1-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants have cancelled claims 1-15. Additionally, claim 16 has been amended to address the Examiner's rejections. Applicants believe that all claims particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the present invention. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

NEW CLAIMS

New claims 18-25 are submitted in lieu of cancelled claims 1-15 and are of equal or broader scope than the cancelled claims. Thus, these amendments are not narrowing amendments.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt

and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments:

Drawing "Replacement Sheets" including Figures 3-8
Newly executed Declaration and Power of Attorney

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